

11th International Symposium on Trichoptera, Osaka (Japan)

First announcement and call for preliminary registration

Dear colleagues:

As a representative of conveners, I would like cordially to invite you to participate in the 11th International Symposium on Trichoptera, the first of this series in the 21st century. The major scientific and business sessions will be held in Sakai City in Osaka and some sessions including excursions in other areas of Kansai. The symposium will be held for about one week from 12 June 2003. Your pre-registration for the symposium will be very helpful.

Programme: The main scientific sessions will be held in a conference hall of Osaka Prefecture University. Other sessions are now under consideration. We are looking for suitable places for satellite sessions and an excursion in the countryside of Kansai, i.e. Shiga or Kyoto Prefecture close to Lake Biwa and some streams.

We are also considering the accompanying persons' programmes, including sightseeing and shopping in Kyoto, Nara, Osaka and Sakai City. Using public transportation, the campus of OPU is within one to two hours of the downtown and tourist spots: temples, shrines, palaces and parks.

Transportation and accommodation: The nearest international airport is Kansai International Airport (KIX), which is about one hour away by train (JR or Nankai Line). There are many direct air services to KIX from Europe, America, Asia and Oceania. People arriving at Tokyo airports (Haneda or Narita) can easily reach Osaka by domestic flight to Itami (ITM: Osaka International Airport), which has no international flights at present. Shin-kansen trains (bullet trains) (JR) are also available at Shin-Osaka. Osaka airport and station are within one and half hours from the campus, and both have frequent services from other cities in Japan.

Accommodation will be available in a variety of hotels in Sakai City, within 30 minutes of the campus by bus. We are currently negotiating with various hotels to obtain reduced rates for symposium members. Details of hotel availability and price ranges will be made available as soon as negotiations have been finalised. Registration costs will be made known at the same time. For the countryside sessions, we will use cottages or local hotels similar to those at Itasca National Park at the 8th symposium.

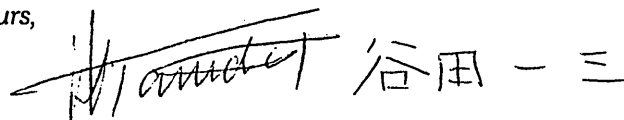
In early to middle June, the average maximum temperature is 20 to 25°C and the average minimum is 15°C, much milder than later in summer. The rainy season starts in late June or early July, so we should have relatively fine weather for the symposium.

Collection of Trichoptera and other insects: There are no strict regulations for collecting insects in Japan and exporting them abroad, except for some reserve areas and some endangered species. We are planning to prepare some collecting gear and preservatives, such as light traps, ethanol etc. At this moment, we have no plans for post- or pre-symposium tours or excursions, but these are under consideration. Early to middle June is the end of spring emergence of Trichoptera and is a better season for collection.

Web site / E-mail information: We will open a web site and/or mail group for the 11th Trichoptera Symposium; we will notify members of this as soon as the site is launched.

We are hoping to receive your pre-registration soon, if possible, with your E-mail address. Please indicate your intention (with or without accompanying persons) to attend.

Sincerely yours,



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